

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 19, 2003 (Paper No. 20). Claims 63 to 66 and 68 to 71 are in the application, of which Claims 63, 70 and 71 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned representative wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during the March 15, 2004 telephonic interview. This amendment has been prepared in accordance with the agreements reached during that interview, and in particular, the agreement that the amendments as presented above require further consideration by the Examiner.

In the Office Action, Claims 63 to 66 and 68 to 71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,243,171 (Haneda). Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, Applicant submits that the amended claims as recited above include features which are not believed to be either disclosed by or suggested by Haneda. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

In more detail, Applicants representative pointed out during the interview that the displayed thumbnail images include at least one indicium (for example, "P" as seen in Figs. 24(a) to 24(c)) which distinguish between images that have been designated by a reproduction instruction file for reproduction and images that have not been designated by the reproduction instruction file for reproduction. Haneda is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the foregoing feature and therefore, the claims are believed to be allowable over Haneda.

No other matters having been raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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